

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

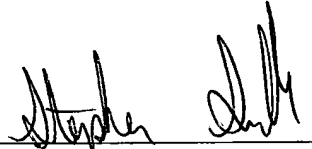
Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 14, and 20 have been amended, and claims 3-6, 8-13, 16-19, 21-26 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 7, 14, 15 and 20-16 and 18-27 remain pending.

The Examiner's indication that claims 6, 7, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim is acknowledged and appreciated.

Accordingly, the limitations of canceled claim 3-6 have been incorporated into amended claim, and the limitations of canceled claim 16-19 have been incorporated into amended claim 14. Claims 7 and 20 were amended to correct claim dependencies.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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